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A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana

LEEC News

CONFERENCE SPECIAL ROOM RATE ENDING

Educators planning to attend the 2014 Environmental Education Symposium on February 21 and 22 should book their rooms at the Shreveport Hilton today or tomorrow to ensure that they get the special conference rate.

In this, its 17th year, the conference focuses on the concepts of watersheds, preserving water quality, and managing land to reduce impact on our aquatic resources. The theme is "**Watersheds: From My Back Yard to the Ocean.**"

Attendees can find more information at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisiana-environmental-education-symposium>.

LEEC AND PLAYMAKERS PARTNER TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PLAY

The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission has an exciting offer for selected K-5 schools! Playmakers of Baton Rouge has partnered with LEEC to create and present an educational play focusing on *watersheds*. This play will be offered to selected underserved schools in Louisiana **free of charge**!

Playmakers of Baton Rouge, Inc. (playmakersbr.org) is Louisiana's only professional theatre dedicated to bringing quality live theatrical productions to young audiences across the state. Founded in 1982, Playmakers is proud to continue providing excellent educational and entertaining opportunities to thousands of children and adults, through the annual Summer Neighborhood Tour, Spring Elementary School Tour, Drama Classes and Camps, Season Productions including Youth Company productions, and the Wally Wise Guy Educational Safety Mini-Tour.



Pictured is a recent production of "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie."
Photo courtesy Playmakers of Baton Rouge, Inc.

Playmakers is staging a sneak preview performance at the Environmental Education State Symposium in Shreveport on the evening of February 21st. Symposium attendees from schools across the state will be given priority to register their underserved schools for a live performance! To find out more about this extraordinary opportunity go to <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/louisiana-environmental-education-symposium>.

Apply to have Playmakers of Baton Rouge perform at your underserved school at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/playmakers>. For more information, contact Thomas Gresham, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Assistant Environmental Education Coordinator, at tgresham@wlf.la.gov or 225-765-0124

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

LASTEM-GCP MINI-GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Louisiana STEM Girls Collaborative Project (LaSTEM-GCP) is now offering mini-grants to support STEM outreach projects in Louisiana. Mini-grants provide up to \$1,000 to support collaborative projects among formal or informal educators, STEM organizations, community groups and any other organization committed to informing and motivating girls' interest in STEM careers.

To be eligible for funding, Mini-Grant proposals must:

- Involve collaboration between at least two programs from different organizations
- Include programs/organizations registered in the NGCP Program Directory
- Identify the lead program/organization
- Serve an audience located in Louisiana
- Propose a project lasting longer than one day, unless the one-day project is part of a larger event (e.g. a one-day STEM conference for middle school girls that is included within a week-long summer camp)

Request funds for projects starting after July 1, 2014 and ending by December 31, 2014

To apply: Please visit the National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP) Mini-Grants webpage at <http://www.ngcproject.org/mini-grants> and complete the online application by March 17th.

View the program flyer at http://bap.nsta.org/Attachments/LaSTEM_GCP_Mini_Grant_Flyer-Jan222014_color.pdf.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES

NAAEE CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

NAAEE is seeking proposals for its 11th annual Research Symposium.

The organization seeks dynamic proposals that explore the process of “doing” environmental education research and the issues that emerge from that research. The Research Symposium will emphasize examination of works in progress and the stories behind the research. Rather than presenting finished research, participants are strongly encouraged to assist each other by sharing problems, ethical dilemmas, new (and overlooked) techniques, and emotional responses to undertaking research.

View the call for presentations flyer here <http://www.naaee.net/sites/default/files/conference/call-for-presentations/2014/Ottawa2014CFP.pdf> and the conference website here <http://www.naaee.net/conference/cfp>.

4H CAMP SEEKS SUMMER INSTRUCTOR

The 4H Camp Grant Walker in Pollock, La. is seeking a summer wetlands track instructor. The selected candidate will serve as lead instructor who teaches wetlands subject matter in a track format to an audience of a maximum of 40 youth at a time, ages 9-12, in a camp setting. Applicant must have a bachelor's degree in education, social or behavioral sciences, or field related to wetlands and must complete the Employee Background check and be approved by the LSU AgCenter's Human Resource Management unit.

Find out more and apply at the [LSU Ag Center website](#).

RESOURCES

LAND COVER DATA AVAILABLE

New 2010 land cover data for Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida are now available. Along with these new data, the previously released 1996, 2001, and 2006 land cover have been improved with changes to wetland and developed features. Coastal Change Analysis Program (C-CAP) land cover products are nationally standardized and are updated every five years. Download the data from C-CAP's site <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/data/ccapregional/>.

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